

CLONING AND CHARACTERIZATION OF THE  
BROAD-SPECTRUM RESISTANCE GENE *Pi2*

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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Compositions and methods for enhancing or creating plant disease resistance to plant pests are provided. Transforming a plant with a novel rice Pi2-like disease resistance gene of the invention enhances disease resistance of the plant. Transformed plants, plant cells, tissues, and seed having enhanced disease resistance are also provided.

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